

Sexuality and Violence: Basic Outline

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Defining the Problem

1. Scope of the problem - affect every aspect of our life
2. Not this simple! “SEX- a physical expression of love. VIOLENCE: a physical expression of hate. Anyone who cannot spot the difference
 - a. is an idiot
 - b. ought not to be involved in censorship

--Andrew Casson-du Mont

THE ISSUE IS S-I-N



3. Violence and sex in the Scriptures

See: Genesis 6:2-11 - intermarriage cf: believer with unbeliever today
Genesis 38: 12-23: Judah's incest with daughter-in-law, Tamar
Ps. 55:9 - violence and strife in the city: reference perhaps to
Gen. 11 - the tower of Babel
Proverbs 4:17-
Proverbs 16:29- man of violence entices his neighbor:
The violent “..leads him (his neighbor) in a way that is not good. he
winks his eye to devise perverse things..” (winks: deep
thought / determined purpose)
Joel 3:19 - shedding innocent blood against children
Also, see: Job 19:7; Ps. 11:5; Ps. 72:14; Pr. 3:31;
Ezekiel 7:23; Hosea 4:2; Hab. 2:5-14

4. Clash of value systems / Moral reasoning: sin at the core

Kohlberg's Stages of Moral Reasoning:
(a) Might makes right - 'date rape'
(b) Hedonism - 'safe sex' / 'sexually active' / 'choice'
(c) Social acceptance - "everyone's doing it"
(d) Role of Law: Roe vs Wade (1973- abortion on demand)
Values-neutral sex education, taught by Planned
Parenthood/ SIECUS

5. 'Astorgos' - without natural affection: lack of love for children or parents: seen in Romans 1:31 and 2 Timothy 3:3.

6. God's Protection

Ps. 50:15; Ps. 16:6; I Cor. 10:13; 2 Tim. 2:13; Hebrew 6:10; 1 Peter 4:19;
2 Peter 1:3-4; James 4:7-8; 1 John 1:9

Children at Risk

Generation "Y"

Today's 12-19 year olds:

- “..turning to family for more support than in the recent past.”, although “..they do not necessarily define the family in traditional ways.” (i.e. love of family)
- “Today's kids have grown up feeling ‘it's up to me’ - don't turn to parents, teachers or government for help. (i.e. self-reliance)
- “More savvy shoppers who respond more positively to individual appeals.” Motto? ‘Image is Nothing! Obey Your Thirst!’
- “On the move”
- “..consume media at an accelerated pace.”
- “Unabashed fun seekers -- few are bored

MOST IMPORTANTLY!

- “Hope..are not pessimistic or cynical, nor do they feel alienated. In fact, they are optimistic and expect to be happy adults.”

...from *Relationships* magazine, Spring, 1998 (Young Life National)

1. Impulsive .. impatient .. imprudent

- * “1/5 of all American children live in homes without father”
- * Link between “increased aggressiveness and greater manifestations of effeminacy” -- cf: violence, homosexuality
- * “Girls without fathers” - “sexually active sooner..more likely to have out-of-wedlock children”
- * Gangs taunting women and children

- * “Two parents can't raise a child any more than one. You need a whole community -- everybody -- to raise a child”.

-- Toni Morrison, 1993 Nobel Prize-winning author, *Time* magazine
cf: ‘it takes a village’ philosophy

1970- Germaine Greer The Female Eunuch: motherhood a handicap / pregnancy an illness. cf: abortionist Warren Hearn: pregnancy a disease requiring a cure (abortion) - hate for children yet unborn.

Also:

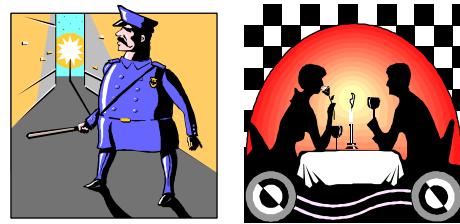
“Children's Rights” - “..provide wedges to separate kids from their parents”

Teaching gay and lesbian lifestyles

Attack against use of corporeal punishment

Mind control of young children

{from Children at Risk: Dr. James Dobson}



2. Child witnesses to domestic violence

SEE:

www.columbia.edu/~rhm5/CHDWITDV.html Kids/domestic violence
www.mincava.umn.edu/papers/nij.htm Battering and child abuse
<http://nch.ari.net/domestic.html> Domestic violence/homelessness

3. Violence against women (in general)

Stalking: 90% of the stalking victims surveyed were stalked by one person during their life: unrequited love or control {see: www.ncjrs.org}

Unmarried partners = more violence against the women they say they 'love'

4. Sexuality (Josh McDowell)

Teens desire to love and be loved...to belong..need for intimacy

5. Date rape - an act of violence

6. Sex and murder

The Family in America - New Research: "young teenagers who engage in premarital sex are likely also to experiment with illegal drugs and to break the law" (Harvard Univ/Univ. of Minn. study)

<http://www.gelservices.com/tb.html> - excellent interview by Dr. James Dobson of Ted Bundy, the night before his execution re: pornography and violence link:

Point 1: Bundy was not born a monster. He began life as a normal person. "... there was no physical abuse or fighting in the home... I led a normal life . . . "

Point 2: Obscenity is progressively addictive.

" . . . You reach that jumping off point where you begin to wonder if maybe actually doing it will give you that which is beyond just reading about it or looking at it .."

Point 3: There is a cause-and-effect relationship between using obscenity and criminal sexual behavior.

" . . . I've met a lot of men who were motivated to commit violence just like me. And without exception, every one of them was deeply involved in pornography. . "

Point 4: Bundy was eventually driven by an evil supernatural force.
Although he never named this force as demon possession, his descriptions of it, and the obvious results, point to a classic case of intermittent (time-sharing) demon possession.

"... have been possessed by something so awful and so alien, and then the next morning wake up from it, remember what happened . . .

Point 5: Despite the influences of obscenity and demonic forces, Bundy recognized his need to be accountable to society and God for his behavior.

"... I deserve, certainly, the most extreme punishment society has and society deserves to be protected from me and from others like me, that's for sure."

cf: SIECUS view: "When sensitively used in a manner appropriate to the viewer's age and developmental level, sexually explicit visual, printed, or on-line materials can be valuable educational or personal aids..contributing to a wholesome concept of sexuality." (www.siecus.org)

Abortion as an act of violence

1. Pregnancy, child abuse, and abortion

Since abortion was legalized in 1973, the number of reported cases of child abuse has increased by 1,497 per cent, from 167,000 in 1973 to 2.5 million in 1991 (US Department of Health & Human Services).

--Ney, P., "Relationship Between Abortion and Child Abuse", Canadian Journal of Psychiatry, 1979, vol 24, p. 610-620.

"The rate of increase in child abuse parallels the rate of increase in abortions [in industrialized nations]."

"A woman, to abort her helpless young, must overcome her instinctual impulse to attend to the little one's helplessness.... Even the woman who has undergone several abortions, on seeing her limp fetus, experiences a profound psychological shock that can produce a serious illness."

"...there appears to be an increased number of people who would rather not have any family and a decrease in the value of children to society. In most industrial countries

there has been a recent, abrupt shift towards zero or negative population

growth."

"Guilt is one of the major factors causing battering and infanticide. There are intolerable feelings of self-hatred, which the parent takes out on the child. Abortion results in guilt and guilt contributes to child battering."

"Abortion contributes to lowered self-esteem, which contributes to child battering. Battering also increases guilt, which could lead to more frequent abortions of subsequent pregnancies." -- We already have this one. -Roc

"The survivor syndrome, a mixture of guilt and anger, may be experienced by children in a family where an abortion was done. Their guilt produces depression, often exhibited as irritability and lethargy, which to the parents smacks of rudeness and disrespect, the very things that trigger many batterings."

"In some instances, a guilt-ridden child unconsciously triggers parental hostility because he feels that he should be punished for his aggressive feeling. 'You killed my baby brother, you better go ahead and kill me.'"

"Some aborting women felt that they were carrying out the unconscious wishes of their rejecting mothers who had not wanted their own birth and had in many cases, actually tried to prevent it."

"...abortion on request not only increases the rates of child battering at present, but it will increase the tendency to batter and abort in succeeding generations.

Abortion,

producing guilt in both the mother and in the children who survive, increases the probability of displaced hostility, which results in battered or murdered children."

2. Suicide: The Fruit of Abortion

"A teenage girl is 10 times more likely to attempt suicide if she's had an abortion in the last six months" (Garfinkel, et al:Univ. of Minn., 1986)

--fastest growing suicide rate in country as well as the average age of most abortions, ages 15-24.

Warning signs include "sexual promiscuity..becoming sexually promiscuous"
(Suicide Info and Education Center, (403) 0245-3900.

3. Domestic violence, woman battering, and child abuse

"..child abuse is more frequent among mothers who have previously had an abortion" (Prof. Philip Ney)

4. Sexuality and 'Family Life Education' in schools

Schools should be "implicated in the increase in teenage sex and pregnancies"
(Bruno Bettleheim, *Psychology Today*.

Dr. Melvin Anchell: "Typical sex education courses are almost perfect recipes for producing personality problems and even perversions later in life...In the past twenty years or so...adolescent suicide has increased by 200%."

Studies show that teaching chastity reduces the chances of date rape, suicide, and teen violence.

5. Adult sex with teens (NAMBLA: the North American Man-Boy Love Association)

"Some of the more experienced students of juvenile problems have come to believe that the emotional reactions of the parents, police officers, and other adults who discover that the child has had such a contact, may disturb the child more seriously than the sexual contacts themselves. The current hysteria over sex offenders may very well have serious effects on the ability of many of these children to work out sexual adjustments some years later..."

~ Alfred Kinsey, W. Pomeroy, C. Martin, and P. Gephard,
Sexual Behavior in the Human Female (Philadelphia, W.B. Saunders, 1953)

(from the NAMBLA website:

"JOIN US TODAY! NAMBLA's goal is to end the oppression of men and boys who have mutually consensual relationships. Our membership is open to all individuals sympathetic to man/boy love in particular and sexual freedom in general.

6. Homosexual agenda



The American Guardian..Fighting Crimes and Perversions against Children on the IRC Networks, Web and Local Areas. Child, porn, advertising, abortion, child abuse, pedophile. This home page is to expose all the facts about child abuse on the internet/World and possibly stop it. Check it out at: <http://www.thundernet.org/>

Media

1. Spice Girls

Besides selling sun glasses, posters, and other items to 6-year old girls who look up to them, the Spice Girls feature songs like: "Stop", "Naked" "Do It", and "Take Me Home". What's the message, parents?

2. Gansta' rap { gangsta } - Generic name, coined circa 1987, for tough-talking West Coast hip-hop. Gangsta style revolved around "gats" (from the 19th-century Gatling gun), gang wars, treacherous females (called obscene names)

cf: 'Cop Killer' - violence and hatred

3. Marilyn Manson

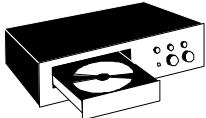
Interviewer: How would you like to be remembered?

MM: As the person who brought an end to the age of Christianity.

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“i am a parent, i was trying to find out somethings on marilyn manson because my 13 year old daughter is in love with him. As you can tell by her screen name MaNsOn1GrL that I am under now. I thought at first Marilyn Manson was a lunatic. But it is all an act, so if you explain to your

children that the sacrifices and the lyrics are all a lie to make money, they might not believe in him as strongly. I think Marilyn Manson is a fine person, he may be bisexual and a crossdresser, but we do have many people like that in the 90's. But as a person he isn't so bad and there really isn't that much wrong with him, but when he lies and pretends to be somebody else he isn't someone i have any respect for. I also think let your children listen to him. It's a phase. I am the mother of a 21 year old son and a 18 year old daughter. They both went through the same stage at the ages 12 through around 15. But then Marilyn Manson wasn't popular. They will eventually start to hate the guy and the group and your problems will be over with.” Lorraine

(fanmail from a parent - wonder why Manson blames parents?)



4. TV violence / . TV sex: Dawson's Creek / 90210

5. MTV

“after the 1991 arrival of Nirvana, an act that MTV took much credit for breaking. In Nirvana's wake, MTV began pushing grunge bands like Soundgarden, Pearl Jam, and Alice In Chains with revolutionary zeal--wave after wave of anti-stars were welcomed with open arms as MTV imagery went from garish to downbeat. Worldwide, MTV reaches a quarter billion people; in the US it is the central pop medium in the absence of a coherent music press or a national radio station... lack of competition has made MTV one of the oddest major media properties in the world: a quasi-monopoly driven by the ever-fragmenting, hormone-crazed tastes of adolescents.

Even as MTV settles into its role as a linchpin of the new youth culture, the channel itself is prone to violent mood swings. For every well-meaning special on gun control, there's a scantily clad Beach House edition of The Grind”.

1/2 “.. of all MTV videos featured violence or implied violence, and 35 percent revealed violence against women. Children at Risk, p. 71.

* Issue of dehumanization and desensitization: “Jhally (1990)

concludes that the objectification of women dehumanizes them and makes men believe that they can “use” women (e.g. the rape myth)”

Sexual abuse met with ‘retaliation’: “Janie’s Got A Gun” (Aerosmith, 1989).. “Janie motivated by the fear of continuing sexual abuse loaded a gun and shot her father.”

cf: Inner-city violence related to film and music sex and violence.

6. Libertarian’s view: Puritan Fraud: TV and sex

“..no connection between sex and violence.” --- view of those who blame censorship on “puritans”.

7. Video games - sexually graphic and violent. Clearer and clearer images. Hours and hours of this upon pre-teens. Make the connection!

8. Films - pretty obvious to all. cf: 3-credit course at Univ. of Cincinnati entitled: “Childhood Sex and Violence in Contemporary Literature and Film”

examples: Terminator II, Die Hard, Demolition Man - the world as it really is?

9. Books-- sex and violence in horror books, according to Guy N. Smith, aids in the “psychological terror”. He claims “violent criminals have had a violent disposition long before they began reading about it in book.” (what about Ted Bundy?)

Belonging (a summary)



1. Gangs

“Closing down video parlors and imposing a midnight curfew on minors already has reduced juvenile crime in Taipei by 33%” (Hsieh Fen-fen, commander, Taipei police, juvenile branch)

2. Belonging, importance, power, being special

3. Violence and child-killers

4. Teen suicide

5. Guns, violence, sex and school killings (School violence/juvenile offenders)

6. Reality education: graphic pictures

How do we address the heart problem, rather than the outward symptoms?

-- flood of sex-violence, or a field to minister the gospel to today's youth?

1. Matthew 5:18 - heart problem / compare: Ezekiel 14

2. Community Action Model

Clergy - Media - Employers - Government - Social Service providers -
Health-Care system - Justice system - Education system.
(see: <http://www.mincava.umn.edu> re: battered women and kids)



3. Basic needs: intimacy (love), significance (power, \$), security (hope)

How do we escape this mess?

- * Value honesty and integrity above money
- * Value the family
- * Believe all life is sacred
- * Promote parenting classes
- * Encourage shared feelings
- * Regular confession of our sins (adapted from Dr. Michael Obsatz, Macalester College, Excelsior, Mn.)



3. Focus on the Family survey : Right and Wrong

lie to their parents. 45% watch MTV weekly.

55% are confused. (1994 survey: 80% attended evangelical church / 86% were born-again!)

57% of youth say there's no objective standard of truth --
55% say "Everything in life is negotiable"

66% of kids

NEEDED, especially in our churches: directive, objective standards, based on truth.

10-25% of our youth, in a recent abstinence-based curriculum study, “..demonstrate attitudes and behavior that is negative,

risk taking and destructive. 10-25% “..demonstrate attitudes and behavior that is positive, productive and virtuous.” 50-80 are the “MOVABLES” -- work with them!



Conclusions

--unity among believers, confidence that

JESUS
is in control!



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